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Monday, August 22, 2005

State Planning Project for the Uninsured Advisory Council Meeting

Michigan Manufacturers Association
620 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48901

Members Present: Elaine Beane, Center for Advancing Community Health; Brian Broderick, Economic Alliance; Jan Christensen, MDCH; Kathleen Conway, School-Community Health Alliance; Kimberly Crider, Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce; Patience Drake-Rosenbaum, Michigan Consumer Health Care Coalition; Paul Duguay, Michigan Association of Health Plans; Sarah Fink, Michigan Health & Hospital Association; David Green, Michigan Universal Health Care Action Network; Larry Horwitz, Economic Alliance; Mary Ellen Howard, Free Clinics of Michigan; Jan Hudson, Michigan League for Human Services; Sandy Hudson, Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority; Kevin Kelly, Michigan State Medical Society; Marjorie Mitchell, Michigan Universal Health Care Action Network; Tom Oren, AARP of Michigan; Dennis Paradis, Michigan Osteopathic Association; Kevin Seitz, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Pamela A. Paul Shaheen, Governor's Office, Health and Human Services; Amy Shaw, Michigan Manufacturer's Association; Kim Sibilsky, Michigan Primary Care Association; Stephen Skorcz, Greater Flint Health Coalition; Sebastian Wade, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce; Linda Watters, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth

Others Present: Eileen Ellis, Health Management Associates; Greg Cline, MPH; Tamesha Bridges, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute; Sheryl Lowe, BCBSM

MDCH Staff: William Hart, Lonnie Barnett, Ellen Speckman-Randall, Irma Lopez, Ken Miller, Angela Awrey, Traci Wightman, Sherryn Hays

- I. **Call to Order:** Co-chairpersons Jan Christensen and Kevin Seitz called the meeting to order.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consensus
- III. **Welcome:** Jan Christensen and Kevin Seitz welcomed attendees. The members took a very short survey. Introductions were made around the room.
- IV. **Goals and Structure of State Planning Project for the Uninsured**
 - A. Project Overview, Goals and Timeline

Ellen Speckman-Randall provided an overview of the project. She discussed:

 - i. The purpose of the initiative, which is to develop a plan to provide health insurance to all Michigan residents.
 - ii. The timeline, which includes times when data will be available, as well as the dates of town hall meetings. The initiative is on a very ambitious time frame.
 - iii. MPH (Michigan Public Health Institute) and HMA (Health Management Associates) have contracts with DCH to perform various activities that are critical to the project.

Ellen noted that the State Planning Project website address is www.michigan.gov/spg
Additionally anyone with questions or comments is welcome to e-mail Ellen at SpeckmanE@michigan.gov

B. Rules of engagement

Jan Christensen reviewed materials in the notebook. He stated that he is hoping to keep meetings crisp and to the point and to aggressively work through the agenda. It was noted that alternates could vote in the absence of the member.

Jan Christensen presented the Ground Rules for decision making, and the process for “Consensus with Qualification.”

Co-Chairperson Kevin Seitz stated that this is a consensus driven council. The Advisory Council will forward its recommendations to the DCH Director who will then make recommendations to the Governor.

There was discussion on whether agreement to these ground rules obligated member organizations to support the Advisory Council’s recommendations. It was explained that every effort would be made to craft a set of recommendations that can be supported by all members of the council, but that being a member of the Advisory Council does not obligate the member agency to agree to support the recommendations in advance of the recommendations being developed.

Action: In light of concerns expressed, a revised “Ground Rules for Decision Making” will be prepared and distributed to members prior to the next meeting.

C. “What does a win look like?”

There was general discussion as to what constitutes a successful plan or a “win.” It was determined that a win would include one, three and five year goals, it would have a measurable impact, retain current coverage, address catastrophic loss, maximize federal funds, and raise public awareness, and hc costs, employer concerns.

Action: A revised “What does a win look like?” handout will be prepared to incorporate members’ suggestions, and distributed prior to the next meeting.

V. **Presentation from Eileen Ellis- Health Management Associates**

Eileen made a presentation “Landscape Analysis of Michigan’s Insurance Market.” The presentation will available be on the website.

VI. **Report from Workgroups**

The three workgroups are already meeting and have a combined 150+ membership. The workgroups and facilitators are:

A. Data Synthesis is facilitated by Elaine Beane

B. Models Development is facilitated by Hollis Turnham

C. Community Interface is facilitated by Vondie Woodbury

The schedule of the town hall meetings was distributed and members were encouraged to attend meetings in their area of the state.

Written reports from each workgroup were distributed and highlighted.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2005. Attendees were urged to complete the evaluation form.

Meeting adjourned: 12:10 p.m.